

## **REMARKS**

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

Enclosed herewith is a supplemental IDS providing the documents that were not located from the prior IDS filed February 9, 2004. See the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references and provide Applicants with an initialed and signed copy.

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-9 and 27-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 9-26 have been withdrawn. Claims 10-26 are cancelled. The claims have been amended to particularly and distinctly recite the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added by the above claim amendments.

Specifically, the claims have been amended so that they include both MANF2 polypeptides disclosed in the specification, i.e., in Figures 7 and 15. The previous claims were only directed to MANF2 polypeptide having the amino acid SEQ ID NO:2 of Figure 7. This amino acid sequence is a MANF2 polypeptide with a signal peptide. Figure 15 shows the sequence of the signal peptide as well as the sequence of mature MANF2. The current amendment does not represent a new issue of consideration in the instant application.

### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner objects to claim 8 as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot refer to two separate claims. Applicants have amended the instant claim to place the claim in proper form.

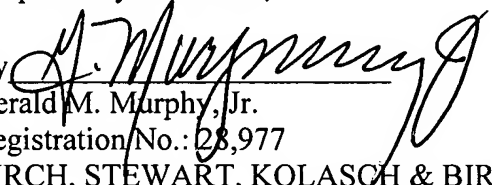
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr., Reg. No. 28,977 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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